

Met with Messrs. Wisner, Amory, and Kirkpatrick to discuss the merits of establishing a CIA Planning Board. We agreed that we should have a Planning Board. There was some disagreement between Mr. Amory on the one side and Mr. Wisner and myself on the other as to the extent to which this Planning Board should be involved in day-to-day affairs. I believe it was finally agreed, however, that some mechanism, possibly the NSC Planning Board or this type of activity, should be a part of their regular routine in order to make sure that their plans were realistic and consistent with our day-to-day activities. I emphasized to the group that I thought the head of this Board should be a vigorous individual, full of ideas, and not some "old soldier" for whom we had no definite place at the moment.

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At NSC discussions it was proposed that no new buildings be erected within the target area....presumably, this means within twenty miles of Washington..... unless an exception were justified. We agreed that it was all right for the Director to approve ~~of this~~ so long as exceptions to this policy were possible.

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